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1. AMHERST COLLEGE GLEE CLUB GAVE TWO PERFORMANCES IN EGYPT, ONE IN ALEXANDRIA AND ONE IN CAIRO, BOTH UNDER AUSPICES OF MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND AMERICAN EMBASSY. AUDIENCE ATTENDANCE ABOUT 700 IN ALEXANDRIA AND 750 IN CAIRO.

2. THIS TYPE OF MUSIC NOT WELL KNOWN IN EGYPT AND FOLK SONG PORTIONS OF PROGRAM WERE BETTER RECEIVED THAN THE CLASSICAL PRESENTATIONS. HOWEVER, MANY AUDIENCE MEMBERS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR A "DIFFERENCE" SORT OF AMERICAN MUSICAL PRESENTATION.

3. EGYPTIAN PAPERS, AL-AHRAM, AL-AKHBAR, EGYPTIAN GAZETTE, LE PROGRES EGYPTIEN AND LE JOURNAL D'EGYPTE ALL UTILIZED POST-SUPPLIED PUBLICITY MATERIAL. WELL KNOWN CRITIC IN AL-AKHBAR URGED MUSICIANS AND CHORAL AND OPERA SINGERS TO ATTEND BECAUSE AMHERST COLLEGE GLEE CLUB IS KNOWN AND PRESTIGIOUS GROUP. EGYPTIAN TELEVISION FILMED PORTIONS OF CAIRO CONCERT FOR LATER USE.
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